

Docket No. 51064

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Barclay et al.

EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO.: **ET755553453US**

FILED: **HEREWITH**

FOR: **NOVEL POLYMERS AND PHOTORESIST COMPOSITIONS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants file the above-identified application herewith. Please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

At page 1, line 1 of text, please add the following sentence:

--The present application claims the benefit of U.s. provisional application number 60/271,402, filed February 25, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel without prejudice claims 21-23 and 26-40.

Please amend the following claims.

3. (amended) A photoresist composition of claim 1 wherein the polymer comprises photoacid-labile groups.

4. (amended) A photoresist composition of claim 1 wherein polymer further

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